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COMMENTS: Following are my proposed amendments to Claim 1 to clearly differentiate Applicant's claimed invention from RDF Syntax. (I will be submitting an RCE to ensure that the amendments to the claims will be entered.)

I would like to discuss these amendments during our telephonic interview, tentatively scheduled for April 25 in the afternoon.

Thank you.



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PROPOSED Amendments to the Claims

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of uniquely identifying resources, comprising ~~steps of:~~
2 modeling the resources using a hierarchical schema, wherein classes in the hierarchical
3 schema correspond to resource types and wherein instances in the hierarchical schema represent
4 individual resources, each instance being associated with, and defined according to a class
5 definition of, a selected one of the classes according that corresponds to the resource type of the
6 individual resource represented by the instance; ~~[[and]]~~

7 defining, at a topmost class of the hierarchical schema, a naming rule property and an
8 instance identity property, wherein~~[[:]]~~
9 ~~—————~~ each class at levels of the hierarchical schema beneath the topmost level inherits
10 the naming rule property and the instance identity property;

11 defining, for each of the classes in the hierarchical schema, a value for the naming rule
12 property for that class, the value comprising at least one property name selected from a collection
13 of property names comprising the class definition of that class, wherein:

14 at least one of the classes has, as the value of its naming rule property, at least two
15 of the property names selected from the collection of property names comprising the definition of
16 that class;

17 the value of the naming rule property for at least two of the classes differs; and

18 [[a]] the selection of the at least one property name comprising the value of the
19 naming rule property for each of the classes value of the naming rule property for a selected class
20 identifies properties of the selected class that enable enables each of the instances of the selected
21 that class to have a unique identities identity; and

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22 creating, for each of the resources, the unique identity and storing the unique identity as a
23 value of the instance identity property of an instance representing the resource, the unique
24 identity comprising:
25 a class name of a selected one of the classes that corresponds to the resource type
26 of this resource; and
27 for each of the at least one property name defined as the value of the naming rule
28 property for the selected one of the classes, a name and value pair comprising that property name
29 and a property value corresponding thereto for the resource represented by this instance, an
30 instance of the selected class specifies the unique identity for that instance, using the identified
31 properties for the selected class.